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30) *assurance of safety* does not bring out the idea contained in *publicam*.

The *vocabulary* is excellent in every particular, but more especially with reference to the derivation of words, in clearly separating stems and suffixes. There is little use, however, in giving roots without adding their general significance.

On the whole, the New Cicero shows a praiseworthy advance upon the older edition, and cannot fail to make its influence strongly felt for thoroughgoing scholarship wherever it is adopted as a text-book.

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ALBANY ACADEMY

Topical Outlines of Roman History. By WM. L. BURDICK. Scott, Foresman & Co.

THE sixty-four pages of this book contain the names of books to be studied, a statement about the geography of Roman history, chronological outlines, specimen college examination papers, a pronouncing vocabulary, and a list of additional topics and suggestions. Under this last-named heading are to be found a list of thirty-five generally important topics and lists of the provinces, of the Roman writers, of the most famous Romans, of the prominent Scipios, and of thirty important dates, together with a geographical test, a genealogical table of the families of Cæsar and Augustus and a series of questions on the Roman constitution and government.

It does not pretend to be a text-book, but declares that its main object is to suggest outlines of work for the period from the founding of Rome to the death of Marcus Aurelius.

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THE MORGAN PARK ACADEMY OF THE
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American History Told by Contemporaries. Vol. I. Era of Colonization, 1492-1689. Edited by ALBERT BUSHNELL HART. The Macmillan Company.

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sources. These selections are almost all from narrative, not constitutional, documents; and thus explorers, missionaries, and colonizers tell of travel, strange people, and new experiences, and the social and industrial conditions of those times are vividly revealed by those who lived among them. Beginning with the sagas of the Northmen, the documents narrate the discoveries of the Norse, Spanish, English, French, and Dutch explorers. Concerning colonization, the reasons for it, the regulation of it, and the participators in it, Harrison, Peckham, Hakluyt, and a dozen more are made to speak; and of the early conditions, circumstances of settlement, and the local life of Southern, New England, and Middle colonies many other extracts make revelation. Though they are but fragments of the original writings, yet they are so judiciously chosen, and are so generous that they do not fail either to sustain the interest of the reader or to reveal the historical wealth they possess.

The introduction to this volume contains in more than a score of pages valuable information about the sources themselves their educative value, where to find them, and how to use them.

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